

the President of Taiwan, offered during the conference three full scholarships for scientists from the Middle East to spend a year learning to use the synchrotron in Taiwan. An agreement is already signed, and the selection of the three Middle Eastern scientists is in progress.

The President of the Technion (Israel Institute of Technology) offered to provide three full Technion scholarships for any interested student from an Arabic country.

A group of Palestinian participants met in February with their Israeli colleagues in the Weizmann Institute of Science. As a result, an agreement was signed for Palestinian students to study for MSc and PhD at the Weizmann Institute of Science; a committee is now working on financial arrangements needed to run the program.

One of the Israeli participants has been invited to present a lecture in Egypt. All the Egyptian participants expressed their interest in attending his lecture; some extended additional invitations for him to visit and present seminars at their institutions.

Dr. Roald Hoffmann, one of the American Nobel laureates, offered to run an intensive workshop in a Middle East location for graduate students from all the participating countries. This idea was accepted quite favorably by the participants; the location is now being discussed.

Ultimately, all the participants agreed that science is, indeed, a shared language between them all, and that the things they have in common are more numerous than the differences that separate them. The desire among the participants to continue the collaborations and to meet again is proof that the conference succeeded in overcoming barriers heretofore perceived as insurmountable.●

TRIBUTE TO SISTER JEANNE O'LAUGHLIN

● Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I honor a wonderful leader and inspirational person, Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin. Sister Jeanne is retiring as President of Barry University in Miami Shores, FL, after more than 20 years as its president and more than 50 years as an educator. Under her tenure the student population at Barry more than quadrupled and became co-ed and diverse, the budget grew tenfold, the campus added 38 new buildings and Barry became the fourth largest private university in Florida.

But, Sister Jeanne is more than just a president or professor, she is a fixture of the Miami community, a tireless advocate for the indigent and less fortunate and a prolific fundraiser. She has been honored by the Pope and selected for Presidential Commissions. She was the first female member of the Orange Bowl Committee and the Non-Group, chaired the Victory Foundation for the Homeless, the Miami Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Community, the Religious Task Force for We Will Rebuild and the Miami Blue-Ribbon Aviation Panel. And in the name of Barry University she would take on any challenge or bet even if it meant singing and dancing.

When important decisions or events were happening in Miami she was there. Many will remember that she rescued three Chinese women from po-

litical prosecution and pushed for 14 months for their political asylum request to be accepted.

Her tireless devotion to Barry, her infectious spirit and devotion to making the world a better place one good deed at a time, make Sister Jeanne a truly remarkable person. I am honored to know her.●

DUPONT DELISLE

● Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this month DuPont Chemical and the people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast region together celebrate the 25th anniversary of the DuPont Chemical Plant in DeLisle, MS. DuPont began manufacturing in DeLisle in 1979 and in 1991 underwent an expansion. The plant now employs over 1,000 people who are residents of both Mississippi and Louisiana. These employees are the No. 1 reason the plant has achieved some very impressive production rates. In fact, its high productivity levels have made the DuPont DeLisle plant the second largest titanium dioxide producing plant in the world. This is truly cause for the plant's employees, management and all local residents to be proud.

The plant's success over the past 25 years is directly attributable to the partnership between DuPont DeLisle and the city of DeLisle, the Mississippi gulf coast region, and the State of Mississippi. The local community and State maintain a strong interest in supporting the plant and ensuring its continued success, while the plant and its employees work to give back to and improve the local community. For example, over the years DuPont DeLisle and its employees have worked in cooperation with the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College to offer extensive on-site operator training in electrical, machine shop, and computer skills. In addition, employees have conducted American Red Cross blood drives and United Way campaigns, donated equipment to local schools and fire departments, and participated in State and local organizations that are focused on improving Mississippi's workforce.

In addition to their work in the community, the plant's employees have strived to make it the best. As a result, the plant today is the top performer in its business group organization. DuPont DeLisle also work 4 times more safely than comparable industrial plants in the chemical industry using OSHA measurements. In fact, in October 2003, DuPont DeLisle employees exceeded their previous all-time safety record and early this year completed a full year without a single injury requiring medical treatment. These are truly significant accomplishments by employees who are obviously dedicated and committed to their employees' safety.

As one can see, DuPont in DeLisle has been good for the Mississippi economy by creating and sustaining high paying technical jobs. For the past 25

years, Mississippi has been proud to call itself home to this plant and we look forward to our continued partnership for the next 25 years. Congratulations to DuPont DeLisle and its local and State partners on this most noteworthy anniversary.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:48 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4299. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 South Jackson Road in Edinburg, Texas, as the "Dr. Miguel A. Nevarez Post Office Building".

H.R. 3939. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14-24 Abbott Road in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, as the "Mary Ann Collura Post Office Building".

H.R. 2523. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 125 Bull Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "Tomochichi United States Courthouse".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 389. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the D.C. Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2523. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 125 Bull Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "Tomochichi United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3939. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14-24 Abbott Road in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, as the "Mary Ann Collura Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4299. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 South Jackson Road in Edinburg, Texas, as the "Dr. Miguel A. Nevarez Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7498. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004; ordered to lie on the table.

EC-7499. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Decrease of the Commercial Trip Limit for Atlantic Group Spanish Mackerel